



City of Loma Linda Official Report

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COUNCIL AGENDA: March 22, 2005

TO: City Council

SUBJECT: Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2005



CITY OF LOMA LINDA, CA

PROCLAMATION

"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

APRIL 2005

*WHEREAS, in recognition of the right of all children to receive the care, protection and guidance a family provides and the right to be free from harm and to have their physical, emotional and educational needs met, the state and federal governments have proclaimed April 2005 as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** for the purpose of promoting community involvement in preventing child abuse; and*

WHEREAS, in 2004, nearly 38,000 children in San Bernardino County were referred to the Department of Children's Services for suspected child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino County Department of Children's Services social workers, Children's Assessment Center staff, Public Health nurses, law enforcement officers, educators, behavioral health clinicians and others in the field are dedicated, compassionate and skilled individuals working under enormous pressure to protect children, as the prevention of child abuse requires rigorous solutions, energy, strength, determination and commitment from concerned citizens and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Network and Children's Fund, in partnership with the San Bernardino County Departments of Children's Services, Public Health, Superintendent of Schools, Sheriff, Fire, Behavioral Health, Housing Authority, Preschool Services, Library, and Transitional Assistance and First 5 of San Bernardino, the Child Care Planning Council, Children's Fund Assessment Center, Loma Linda Children's Hospital, and Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, has planned a Blue Ribbon Media Campaign and Education Materials Distribution entitled "It Only Takes a Minute" – the 7th "Annual Shine a Light on Child Abuse" Awards Breakfast during the month of April to increase awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Gaio Hansberger, Mayor of the City of Loma Linda, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2005 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in the City of Loma Linda and, on behalf of the City Council, encourage citizens to participate in the events and to join in the efforts to end child abuse.

SIGNED this 13th day of April 2004.

Karen Gaio Hansberger, Mayor